Claims

1. A rotary light switch with a housing and with an actuating member mounted rotatably about an axis in the housing, a peripheral wall of the housing being formed with a cam surface which runs in a peripheral direction and rises axially facing away axially from the actuating member, the actuating member having a radially projecting cam follower that runs up and bears axially on the cam surface on rotation of the actuating member forcing the actuating member to move axially.

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- The rotary light switch according to Claim 1, wherein the cam follower
 bears on the cam surface without a radial component of movement.
 - 3. The rotary light switch according to Claim 1, wherein the cam surface is formed on a cylindrical peripheral wall coaxial with the actuating member.
 - 4. The rotary light switch according to Claim 3, wherein the cam surface is formed by a recess in the peripheral wall.
- 5. The rotary light switch according to Claim 3, wherein the housing comprises a ring-shaped switch shield surrounding the actuating member and the peripheral wall is connected to the switch shield.
 - 6. The rotary light switch according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the cam surface rises linearly axially.
- 7. The rotary light switch according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the cam surface has an axially rising section and an axially non-rising section adjoining thereto in peripheral direction.
- 8. The rotary light switch according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the axially rising cam surface extends over a rotation angle which corresponds to a
 25 rotation of the actuating member between two adjacent switch positions.